

10 March 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with Senator Margaret Chase Smith
(R., Maine)

1. The Director of Central Intelligence and the Legislative Counsel met with Senator Margaret Chase Smith for approximately a half hour on Friday, 7 March. The DCI indicated that he had been disturbed by certain of the Senator's comments reflecting on the Agency and, therefore, he wished to assure her that any information she desired would be furnished her.

2. The Director explained the relations of the Agency with the various Congressional committees and listed the membership of the four (4) CIA subcommittees. The Senator exhibited some surprise at these four subcommittees and stated that she did not know they existed. She did indicate that three or four years previously she had suggested to Senator Russell that a three-man committee be appointed for the same purpose.

3. Senator Smith asked a number of questions about the intelligence services of the various agencies and whether or not there was overlapping and duplication. The Director explained the coordinating function of the Agency and the IAC structure here at headquarters. In addition, he went into the field arrangements and the country teams functioning under the Ambassador in each of the various countries. The Senator agreed that the Ambassador must be knowledgeable of all activities within the country for which he is responsible.

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4. Senator Smith queried the screening process utilized for Agency personnel. The Director explained in general terms the procedures adding that he thought it was an excellent system. Senator Smith made several references to the problems associated with a large organization and a large budget such as the Agency's but did not inquire as to exact figures on either personnel or budget.

5. Senator Smith stated that she was very pleased to have had the opportunity to talk with the Director but that she wished to talk further about this matter with Senator Saltonstall. Upon leaving, the Director assured Senator Smith that any time she felt she needed certain information about the Agency we would be happy to supply it.

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OGC 8-0351

27 February 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Comments of Senator Margaret Chase
Smith Concerning CIA

REFERENCE: Memorandum to Legislative Counsel
from AD/CR dated 24 February 1958,
same Subject

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for approval by the Director of Central Intelligence. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 4.

2. In connection with some informal discussions concerning a Commerce Department request for a supplemental appropriation of \$300,000 to finance a clearing house concerned with translations of Soviet technical literature, Mr. Paul Borel was present when the Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Frederick H. Mueller, met with Senator Margaret Chase Smith. When Mr. Mueller indicated CIA's willingness to cooperate in their program, Senator Smith expressed doubt in no uncertain terms. Mr. Borel states: "She said that she was under the impression that CIA would not give anyone the time of day. It was soon clear that she felt that CIA was not subject to sufficient Congressional supervision and that this in any large organization could eventually lead to a national scandal."

3. This viewpoint was not responded to in all of its implications but Mr. Borel reassured Senator Smith that we did cooperate with Commerce and other agencies in the field of Russian translations and had for some period of time.

4. According to my information, Senator Smith has never been briefed on any of the Agency's activities and control mechanisms. However, she has been exposed to certain information as a result of

the Johnson Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee hearings and the previous hearings connected with appropriations for our new building. She was a cosponsor on the Mansfield resolution for a joint committee on intelligence. I recommend that you invite Senator Smith, at an appropriate time, down to the Agency for a briefing on Agency activities.

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JOHN S. WARNER
Legislative Counsel

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The recommendation in paragraph 4 is approved.



ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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24 February 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT : Meetings with Senator Margaret Chase Smith
and Senator Carl Hayden

1. On 24 February, having cleared the request with Mr. Houston, I accompanied Assistant Secretary of Commerce Mueller, Mr. John Green, Director, Office of Technical Services, Commerce, and Mr. Ralph O'Dette, National Science Foundation, to meet informally first with Senator Margaret Chase Smith, and then with Senator Hayden.

2. The purpose of these two meetings was for Secretary Mueller to solicit support for a request by Commerce for a supplemental appropriation of \$300,000 to finance a clearing house to coordinate governmental programs which exploit Soviet technical literature. This program would eventually include the provision of information to the public, the dissemination of translations wherever made in government, and the translation of selected literature not now translated elsewhere in government. The National Science Foundation, the Air Force, the Atomic Energy Commission and CIA have agreed to cooperate with Commerce on this program.

3. My role was simply to reiterate the substance of General Cabell's letter of 7 February 1958 to Mr. Mueller that CIA would cooperate with whatever agency the Congress in its wisdom selected to act as clearing house.

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5. None of us responded to the latter point which was at one time broadened to voiced criticism of the Department of Defense and the Air Force for having no chain of command which could be held responsible. Messrs. Green and O'Dette and myself did reassure Mrs. Smith that there was cooperation in this field and that there in fact had been cooperation for some time. Mr. Green stressed the

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point that Commerce's request was at least in part designed to move CIA materials now collecting dust in Commerce for lack of appropriate dissemination facilities.

6. On parting, I reiterated our policy of cooperation with the National Science Foundation and the Library of Congress and our willingness to work with any group designated by Congress to expand the effort to exploit Soviet scientific and technical literature on behalf of the public. Her last words were: "Perhaps we have misjudged you". I should add that at no time was Mrs. Smith in any way angry. She gave the impression of saying things which she had said before, and would probably be compelled to say again.

7. Our meeting with Senator Hayden was extremely cordial. He stated that he personally was sympathetic with what Commerce was trying to do. He is holding a meeting of a small group of Senators who cover appropriations for Commerce at 10:30 Wednesday, February 26, in the office of the Senate Appropriations Committee. He believed that this group should be briefed fully on the problem, and asked if NSF and CIA could be present, in which case he would be glad to conduct the first part of his meeting in executive session. Both the NSF representative and I told him we would be glad to cooperate in informing the members of his group.

8. Since I will be out of town when this hearing is held, I suggest you and [] attend the Wednesday session. Let me make clear that all we have ever agreed to do on behalf of Commerce is to reassure concerned parties that the Commerce proposal, as we understand it, does not involve any duplication of the work now being done by CIA in this field.

9. I believe that some missionary work done with Mrs. Smith to illustrate to her the considerable work which CIA does in cooperation with other units of the Federal Government - especially the non-defense components - would go far toward making her a friend of the Agency. For Mr. Dulles personally, she has already expressed admiration.

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Paul A. Beral
Assistant Director
Central Reference

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4 March 1958



MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Senator Margaret Chase Smith (R., Maine)

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. I have endeavored to secure some information which may be of assistance prior to your seeing Senator Margaret Chase Smith on March 7. Biographical data is as follows:

Margaret Chase Smith was born in Skowhegan, Maine, December 14, 1897; graduated from high school at Skowhegan, 1914; taught school in home town, 1916-17; widow; business executive for country newspaper and a woolen company, 1919-30; served in U. S. House of Representatives, 76th through 80th Congresses; elected to the U. S. Senate in 1948 and reelected for term ending January 1961.

3. Senator Smith is a member of the Armed Services Committee and the Appropriations Committee where she serves on the Department of Defense subcommittee. She is also a member of the Committee on Government Operations. As you know, she is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserve and her activities indicate that she has a major interest in Reserve affairs and in programs to improve the welfare of members of the Armed Forces. On occasion she has urged the formation of a Senate "Watchdog" Committee to give constant study to Reserve affairs.

4. Senator Smith made vigorous efforts to secure the promotion of her Administrative Assistant, William C. Lewis, Jr., to a Brigadier General in the Air Force Reserve. The Air Force had made the "mistake" of placing Mr. Lewis in a mobilization

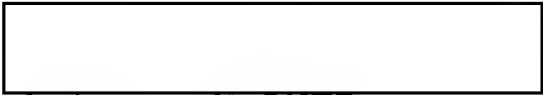
assignment in a Brigadier General slot although he was not otherwise qualified and eventually they transferred his Reserve assignment. It is probably more than coincidence that she made a major issue of the nomination by the Air Force in August 1957 for General's rank to actor James Stewart. She contended that he and others on an 11-man promotion list had not properly fulfilled Reserve training requirements.

5. Senator Smith has given strong support in the past to the Mutual Security program but has opposed all forms of aid to Yugoslavia. She is interested in advanced weapons systems and visited Redstone Arsenal in April 1957.

6. Senator Smith has been described to me by people who know her well as an intelligent, affable person but lacking in any sense of humor and somewhat sensitive to the point of being characterized as "thin skinned." It is reported also that she is acutely aware of her position as a U. S. Senator.

7. Under the circumstances it would seem appropriate to offer Senator Smith the opportunity to ask questions about the Agency and to furnish her any information she desires. Of particular importance might be an explanation of the Agency's coordinating role and its cooperative efforts within the intelligence community. Also of importance might be a description of the Agency's internal control and inspection procedures and the types of review conducted by the Bureau of the Budget and our subcommittees in the Congress.

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JOHN S. WARNER
Legislative Counsel

SMITH, MARGARET CHASE, Republican, Skowhegan

Member of the following Senate Committees:


Appropriations

Armed Services

Government Operations

SMITH, Margaret Chase, U. S. senator; b. Skowhegan, Me.,
Dec. 14, 1897; d. George Emery and Carrie (Murray)
Chase; student Skowhegan High Sch., 1912-16; m. Clyde H.
Smith, May 14, 1930 (died 1940). Began as teacher, Skowhegan,
Me., 1916; office exec. Independent Reporter, 1919-28, Daniel
E. Cummings Co., 1928-30; treas. New Eng. Process Co.,
Skowhegan, 1928-30. Mem. Rep. State Com., Me., 1930-36; became
mem. 76th Congress, 2d Me. Dist., June 3, 1940; mem. 77th to
80th Congresses (1941-49), 2d Me. Dist.; elected to U. S. Senate,
1948, re-elected, 1954. Republican. Home: Skowhegan, Me.
Office: Senate Office Bldg., Washington

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<p>I am not sure just how well the Director knows Senator Margaret Chase Smith but I am under the impression that he would prefer to call her personally. However, I would be glad to make the arrangements if he wishes.</p>					
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MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. ~~DULLES~~

This is to remind that you wish to call
Senator Margaret Chase Smith.

*We shall see
her on Friday
March 7 at 4 PM*
[Signature]

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3 March 1958
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

The attached memorandum of our visit with
Senator Smith attempts to record the highlights
of the discussion in summary form.


JOHN S. WARNER
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